

# LAKE BELT MITIGATION COMMITTEE

## Meeting Summary

South Florida Water Management District  
3301 Gun Club Road, (B-1 2nd Floor East End)  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33406

This meeting will be conducted as a teleconference  
Meet-me number 850-488-0979 (suncom 278-0979)  
Thursday, October 28, 2004 9:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order by Terrie Bates
  - a) Meeting began at 9:00 AM.
  
2. Opening Comments / Attendees
  - a) Committee Members
    1. Terrie Bates, SFWMD, Committee Vice Chair
    2. Matt Davis, Alternate, Miami-Dade County DERM (Teleconference)
    3. Veronica Fasselt, U.S. E.P.A.
    4. Jeff Rosenfeld, Alternate MF&L (Non-voting)
    5. Tori White, Alternate COE
    6. Howard Hayes, Alternate DEP (Teleconference)
  - b) Other meeting attendees
    1. Fred Davis, SFWMD
    2. John Dunnuck, SFWMD
    3. Lee Chitty, SFWMD Contractor
    4. Ed Cronyn, SFWMD
    5. Anita Bain, SFWMD
    6. Charles Scott, SFWMD Miami SC
    7. David Foote, SFWMD
    8. Tracy Hurst, COE
    9. Linda Robinson, SFWMD

- c) Teleconference attendees
  1. Jason Smith, SFWMD Miami SC
  2. Mike Spinelli, Miami Dade DERM
  
3. Review and Approval of meeting Minutes: (Terrie Bates)
  - a) July 29, 2004 Meeting: Minutes Approved with no changes.
  - b) August 30, 2004 Model Lands Lift Subcommittee: Minutes Approved with no changes.
  
4. Mike Spinelli stated that Matt Davis should be the official alternate for Miami-Dade DERM. Terrie indicated that an official letter was not necessary from DERM and the appointment would be noted in the minutes.
  
5. Review of Action Items
  - a) Pennsuco Land Acquisitions – John Dunnuck, SFWMD: John led a discussion on land acquisition and valuation in the Pennsuco. He stated that Land Acquisition is in the process of developing new appraisals for the Pennsuco. In response to questions about the discussion at the last meeting, he indicated that the District felt it was premature (and there wasn't sufficient time) to consider requesting any changes to the mitigation cost structure during the 2005 Legislative session. The District will bring updated Pennsuco land acquisition and restoration cost estimates to a future meeting for the committee to evaluate and if necessary, the committee may want to consider taking cost updates to 2006 state legislative session. **Action #1**
  - b) Funds Transfer Letter to Tom Olliff, SFWMD – Terrie stated a letter was sent by Janet Llewellyn to Tom Olliff requesting that funds approved for expenditure by the committee (\$6,555,971 in reimbursements to the District for previous land restoration) be held as encumbrances within the trust fund until the District requests disbursement.
  - c) Florida Rock Lands – Jeff Rosenfeld raised the issue whether to encumber funds for the Florida Rock land purchases or to reimburse State Lands for land acquisition and District enhancement activities in 2004. **Motion By Matt Davis and Approved by the Committee** to pay the Florida Division of State Lands from the 2004 funds for 160 acres at \$5,400/acre for a total of \$864,000. The enhancement and long-term management portion due to SFWMD (160 acres x \$3,071 = \$491,360) will be encumbered within the

trust fund until needed by the District. Howard Hayes (DEP) will follow up with Janet Llewellyn whom is contacting State Lands to determine how the payment should be made. **Action #2**

- d) Committee Progress Presentation to State Legislature – Janet Llewellyn: Janet not available to discuss this agenda item.
- e) Model Lands Lift Potential Subcommittee Activities – Matt Davis: General discussion relating to mitigation alternatives. Conference call for subcommittee on December 7, 2004 at 9:00 AM. Matt Davis to lead the discussion on land acquisition and long-term maintenance as it relates to mitigation alternatives. Beth McArdle to coordinate meet-me phone numbers and public notices.
- f) Lake Belt Trust Fund/EEL Fund Reimbursement – Matt Davis: Terrie Bates indicated the trust fund may not be authorized to reimburse the EEL Fund for land acquisitions. In 2006 the committee may want to consider adding language to the current legislation authorizing the reimbursement to counties. No action at this time.

5. Review Financial Reports – Jeff Rosenfeld: Reviewed updated report formats as discussed in previous meetings. A copy of the financial reports is attached to these minutes.

6. Annual Report – Lee Chitty to prepare the draft annual report and distribute to committee members for comments and feedback at least two weeks prior to the January 28, 2005 meeting.

**Action #3**

7. Next Meetings

a) Sub-Committee teleconference meeting on the Model Lands will be held on Tuesday, December 7, 2004, 9:00 AM. Beth McArdle of SFWMD will set up teleconference phone numbers and public notices.

b) Next full Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005, 9:00 at SFWMD. This meeting will provide the final review and approval of the 2004 Annual Report.

13. Public comment – None

14. Adjourn

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**Action #1** – John Dunnuck of SFWMD to compile updated Pennsuco land acquisition and restoration cost estimates for presentation at a future Lake Belt Committee meeting.

**Action #2** – Howard Hayes of DEP, will follow-up with Janet Llewellyn regarding procedures for payment from the Committee to State Lands. Janet will advise the committee as to how State Lands would like the trust fund to pay or transfer funds of \$864,000.

**Action #3** – Lee Chitty to prepare the draft of the 2004 LBMC Annual report and distribute to committee members for review and comments at least two weeks prior to the January 28, 2005 meeting